United Nations S/2013/190

Security Council

Distr.: General
26 March 2013

Original: English

Letter dated 26 March 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

It is with grave concern that I would like to inform you that a group of armed rebel elements led by Mohamed Gamar from the Sudan Liberation Movement of Abdalwahid has ambushed a convoy of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) composed of 13 vehicles between Kass and Zalingei carrying 30 representatives from Zalingei on their way to Nyala to participate in the Conference of Displaced Persons there, and held them as hostages.

The rebel leader intimidated the 30 hostages and threatened them not to participate in such conferences and told them that he would release them after the end of the Conference in Nyala. Unfortunately, this incident happened in the presence of 35 armed soldiers from UNAMID, who did not make any effort to resist the rebel leader and his group. Such an attitude of UNAMID armed soldiers will definitely encourage the armed rebels to obstruct the peace process in Darfur.

While also informing you of this regrettable incident, I would highly appreciate it if the Security Council would condemn this incident and the continued negative attitude of the Sudan Liberation Movement and the other rebel movements towards peace in Darfur.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
Permanent Representative

13-27168 (E) 260313

Please recycle